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PRISONER

1. DATE: 18 July 1965
2. BASE: Independence (CVA-62)
3. UNIT & TYPE A/C: VA 75/A6A
4. A/C BUREAU NO: 151577
5. MISSION: Rolling Thunder
6. TYPE MISSION: Day Armed Recce
7. LOCATION:
   (a) COUNTRY: DRV
   (b) COORDINATES: 19-50/105-48
8. A/C LOSS CODE: AA
9. NAME: [redacted]
10. RANK/SER/DESIG: [redacted]
11. VOICE CALL: Flying Ace
12. EVIDENCE OF SURVIVAL: Eject
13. EVIDENCE OF PRISONER STATUS: Photos/FBIS/Personal letter
14. REPORTS RECEIVED:
    OPNAV 3480
    PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT
    FBIS [redacted]
15. BLOOD CHIT NO: [redacted]

CHRONOLOGICAL SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS

OPNAV 3480 REPORT: Rescap and SAR helo on scene. Crew not located.

FBIS [redacted] 231352Z: Hanoi papers have carried photos of CDR Denton and LTJG Tschudy. "Crewmembers of one A6A who were captured by the army men and people of Thanh Hoa province when the plane was shot down on 18 July".

Independence PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT 1814022 Jul: A/C was hit by AA fire while in attack. Pilot observed to eject from aircraft.

NASC RECORDS: Both crewmembers observed to eject successfully.

Prisoner status confirmed by letter to wife dated 20 December 1965 and postmarked in Hanoi on 24 December 1965.

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